PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q92291

Hideo ANRAKU, et al. Allowed: January 13, 2010

Appln. No.: 10/564,718 Group Art Unit: 3781

Confirmation No.: 9862 Examiner: Ned Andrew WALKER

Filed: March 23, 2006

For: HERMETICALLY SEALED CONTAINER AND VACUUM TEST SUBSTANCE-

COLLECTING CONTAINER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

A copy of the EP Office Action dated December 18, 2009 for Application No. 04 747 670.0 - 1526 is enclosed. The references listed in this action are already of record.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Attorney Docket No.: Q92291

U.S. Appln. No.: 10/564,718

waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

/John M. Bird/

John M. Bird Registration No. 46,027

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Telephone: (202) 293-7060 Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373

Date: February 15, 2010

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q92291

Hideo ANRAKU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/564,718 Group Art Unit: 3781

Confirmation No.: 9862 Examiner: Ned Andrew WALKER

Filed: March 23, 2006

For: HERMETICALLY SEALED CONTAINER AND VACUUM TEST SUBSTANCE-

COLLECTING CONTAINER

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement

Respectfully submitted,

/John M. Bird/

John M. Bird

Registration No. 46,027

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Telephone: (202) 293-7060

Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: February 15, 2010